DOMÄNE WACHAU



RIESLING FEDERSPIEL®

RIED 1000-EIMER-BERG 2019



Origin & Terroir

The 1000-Eimer-Berg, a sub-vineyard of Burgberg, is a striking elevation in the Wachau village of Spitz and also the village's impressive landmark. The extremely steep stone terraces with their weathered crystalline top soil on the paleozoic gneiss are south-east facing. A permanent circulation of cool air is responsible for the particular elegance, the crisp acidity and the fine stonefruit aromas of Rieslings from 1000-Eimer-Berg. The name "1000-Eimer-Berg" is derived from the ancient word "Eimer", a storage vessel for wine and must. One "Eimer" could hold 56 litres of wine.

Grape Variety

Riesling is a grape variety of excellent international reputation. The share of Riesling in Austria's total wine production amounts to just above 3%. At Domäne Wachau, this share is almost 20%. Riesling from Wachau is characterized by a particular elegance, finesse and structure.

Classification

Federspiel wines have a maximum alcohol content of 12.5%. Chaptalisation is strictly forbidden. The name Federspiel is derived from falconry which was a very popular leisure time activity among the nobility in medieval times. The falcon stands for the remarkable elegance of these dry white wines. Federspiel® is a registered trademark of Vinea Wachau Nobilis Districtus e.V.

Vinification

The majority of the vines on 1000-Eimer-Berg vineyard are cultivated on steep stone terraces. The grapes were carefully handpicked in mid-October with an average yield of 5.500 kg per hectare. After maceration, the wine goes through temperature-controlled fermentation and maturation in stainless steel tanks then bottled.

Tasting Notes

The wine is a lively yellow colour with a green glow. A striking cool-climate style, the wine has distinctive flavours of ripe apricot, delicious apple and hints of honeysuckle. The fruity palate is beautifully balanced with a long lasting mouthfeel and freshness due to a zesty acidity which all translate a great drinkability.

Enjoyment

Serve well chilled at about 9°C. Riesling Federspiel is a classic with a wide range of fish dishes. It perfectly accompanies vegetable dishes and poultry or serves well "solo" as a sophisticated summer wine.

92 points | FALSTAFF

Alcohol: 12,5% | **Acidity:** 7,3% | **Residual Sugar:** 1,8 g/l

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